
Introduced by Senator Cedillo

June 28, 2006

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 128—Relative to the Bill Keene Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 128, as introduced, Cedillo. Bill Keene Memorial Interchange.

This measure would redesignate the interchange of State Highway Routes 101 and 110 in the City of Los Angeles as the Bill Keene Memorial Interchange. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs and markers showing this designation, and to erect those signs and markers upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, plus a sign maintenance fee.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Bill Keene was a traffic and weather reporter for
2 KNX Radio in Los Angeles from 1957 until his retirement in
3 1993; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Keene served in a similar capacity on
5 KNXT/Channel 2 and was part of the highly successful “The Big
6 News” with Jerry Dunphy and sports announcer Gil Stratton; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Keene was born on July 1, 1926, and started
8 his professional career in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, winning an
9 audition at his high school, and served in the United States Air
10 Force in World War II as a pilot; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Keene became interested in weather
12 reporting as a career after an unruly winter interrupted his private
13 flying lessons; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Keene worked at KBOL-Boulder and later
2 hosted the “Bill Keene Show” in Los Angeles, which was a local
3 variety show, where he met his future wife Louise Vienna; and

4 WHEREAS, In his traffic and weather-reporting days, Mr.
5 Keene made traffic reports more interesting by referring to
6 accidents with words like “cattywampus,” “chrome cruncher,”
7 and “paint peeler;” and

8 WHEREAS, In 2004, the Legislature designated the
9 interchange of State Highway Routes 101 and 110 in the City of
10 Los Angeles as the Bill Keene Interchange pursuant to Senate
11 Concurrent Resolution No. 78; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Keene died on April 5, 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to commemorate Mr. Keene’s
14 life and many years of service to the southland motorist by
15 redesignating the interchange of State Highway Routes 101 and
16 110 in the City of Los Angeles as the Bill Keene Memorial
17 Interchange; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
20 hereby redesignates the interchange of State Highway Routes
21 101 and 110 in the City of Los Angeles as the Bill Keene
22 Memorial Interchange; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
24 to determine the cost of appropriate signs and markers, consistent
25 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
26 showing this special designation, and to erect those signs and
27 markers upon receiving donations from nonstate sources
28 sufficient to cover that cost, plus a sign maintenance fee, as
29 determined by the department, that does not exceed 10 percent of
30 the total cost of erecting the signs and markers; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
32 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and the
33 author for appropriate distribution.